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- 1. AS STATED REF B, REPRESENTATIVES RADIO LIBERTY AND RADIO FREE EUROPE WOULD PLAN TO SEND TO EE/USSR ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE IN BERLIN ARE NOT BROAD-CASTERS, BUT RATHER MANAGEMENT OR RESEARCH/POLICY OFFICIALS. THEY HAVE DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE FOR CLASSIFIED INFORMATION, AND THEY ARE AMONG THOSE OFFICIALS AT THE STATIONS WHO REGULARLY SEE CLASSIFIED MATERIALS FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN POSTS AND THE DEPARTMENT.
- 2. THERE IS FIRM CONSENSUS AMONG RADIOS, EASTERN EUROPEAN POSTS, BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING AND DEPARTMENT THAT CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN OFFICERS AT EASTERN EUROPEAN POSTS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATIONS ARE EXTREMELY VALUABLE TO BOTH THE STATIONS AND THE POSTS. LACK OF FUNDS HAS SHARPLY CURTAILED CONSULTATION PROGRAM OVER PAST FEW YEARS (I.E. SINCE FUNDING OF STATIONS WAS CHANGED). BERLIN CONFERENCE OFFERS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS, AND AT NO EXPENSE TO DEPARTMENT. REQUEST, THEREFORE, THAT DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER THE QUESTION.VALDES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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